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REMARKS

The applicants have studied the Office Action dated September 21, 2006 issuing a restriction requirement in the above referenced application. Based on the Examiner's restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect the claims in Group I (i.e. claims 1-10 and 21-24 drawn to a method of detecting a malfunction, classified in class 340, subclass 679). Claims in group II (Claims 11-20) and group III (Claims 25-31) are withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected invention. The applicants expressly reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to this subject matter at a later date. In addition, claim 11 was amended in accordance with the Examiner's Objection to correct the typo in the claim so that any future divisional will have a corrected version of claim 11 directed to a system.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application and all of the elected claims are in condition for allowance. Examination and consideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (818) 576-4110 should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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